

Appl. No. 10/694,749  
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### Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] Referring to figures 1-3 of the drawings, a knee immobilization brace 10 can be seen positioned over a portion of a patient's leg 11 and knee 12. The brace 10 has a flexible sheath 13 of cushion material disposed to be wrapped around the patient's leg 11 extending above and below the knee. Attached to the flexible sheath 13 by inter-engaging interlocking hook and loop material ~~H and L~~ M is a pair of interconnected contoured leg engagement plates 14 and 15 which are vertically aligned in spaced relation to one another. Each of the leg engagement plates 14 and 15 are generally of a rectangular configuration having a central longitudinally extending recessed channel portions 16A and 16B respectively therein, as best seen in figures 3, 4 and 8 of the drawings.

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] The leg engagement plates 14 and 15 are transversely contoured to conform with the posterior medial leg portion with engagement above and below the knee 12 as best seen in figures 4, 6 and 7 of the drawings.

Please replace paragraph [0034] with the following amended paragraph:

[0034] Referring now to figures 1 and 2 of the drawings, a knee support pad 41 can be seen having a generally flat rectangular body member 42 of a soft cushion material with a an apertured reinforcement ~~band~~ element 43 secured on the front

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side thereof inwardly of the perimeter edge 42A of the body member 42. A pair of positioning and retaining straps 44A and 44B are secured across the respective upper and lower surfaces thereof. Each of the retaining straps 44A and 44B are made up of interconnected strips of hook 45A and loop 45B material as previously described and best seen in figure 2 of the drawings.

Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following amended paragraph:

[0036] The knee support pad 41 and integral reinforcement element 43 as hereinbefore described provides direct support for the patient's knee 12 and is fully adjustable to accommodate and comply to the prescribed angular inclination imparted by the adjustable hinge assembly 20 as hereinbefore disclosed.

Please replace paragraph [0038] with the following amended paragraph:

[0038] The knee pad 41 is positioned over the knee 12 centrally thereon by apertured reinforcement element 43 and with its retaining straps 45A and 45B and 46A and 46B are adjusted to secure the knee pad 41 in place as hereinbefore described.